

## Happy Monday Martin Luther King Jr



### Aim

 To understand who Martin Luther King Jr. was and why he is remembered through the celebration of a national holiday in America.



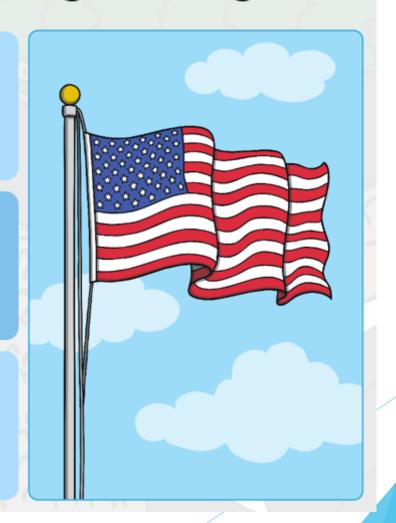
#### But why??

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is an American national holiday marking the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15th, 1929.

It is held on the third Monday of January each year.



#### America In the 1960s

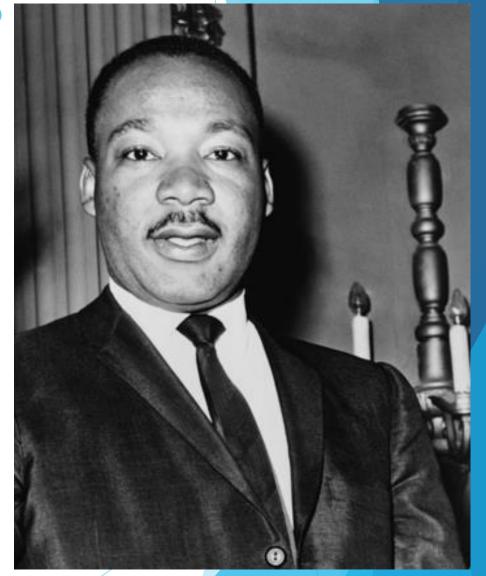
- African Americans could not vote.
- There were separate sections for African Americans on public transport, parks, restaurants and even separate toilets.
- African-American children were denied an education or had to go to separate schools from their white peers.
- African Americans were usually in badly paid work and lived in the poorest areas.





#### Who Was Martin Luther King Jr.?

- Martin Luther King Jr. was a Christian who was determined to make sure that all Americans had the same rights regardless of their race.
- In 1964 King received the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to end racial prejudice in the United States.
- The US Government brought in laws to ensure equal rights for all US citizens and to give everybody the chance to vote.



# Reflection What can we learn from Martin Luther King Jr?

Luther King Jr., and others like him, that people in the United States have equal rights today.

